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General Comment

My comments mainly have to do with Wastewater Treatment Plants. The Municipal Planning Code of PA calls for all land uses in each municipality, unless there is a cooperative agreement through joint or regional planning efforts. Many of the municipal zoning ordinances allow for higher density development (scattered throughout the landscape) if public sewer is provided. Instead of planning for and maintaining sewage infrastructure near urban areas at a reasonable growth rate, the municipalities within our state continue to react with Act 537 plans or sewer modules for applicants with sewage "needs" for new development, while ignoring actual failing systems that need more immediate attention. If we do not address the zoning ordinances that are currently on the books, the property owners will continue to have expectations of public infrastructure to accommodate their land development plans.